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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT E.O., TAGS, AND SUBJ LINE ADDED)

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: TGEN, SCUL, EG, IS  
SUBJ: MRS. SADAT ENDORSES PRINCIPLE OF ISRAELI SCIENTISTS  
ATTENDING GENETIC CONFERENCE IN EGYPT

1. SUMMARY: AIN SHAMS UNIV HAS INVITED THE HOLDING OF THE  
NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF HUMAN GENETICS IN CAIRO  
IN 1980. THE INVITATION STATES THAT SCIENTIST FROM ANY PART  
OF THE WORLD MAY BE WELCOME IN CAIRO, THE LANGUAGE BEING  
SPECIFICALLY INTENDED TO EHPLY TO ISRAELI SCIENTISTS. THE  
LETTER WAS SENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF MRS JEHAN SADAT. END  
SUMMAR

2. EMB HAS RECEIVED COPY OF A LETTER FROM PROF DR ZAGLOUL  
MOHRAN, DEAN, FACULTY OF MEDICINE AIN-SHAMS UNIV RECENTLY  
SENT TO PROF JAMES V NEEL, OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIV, PRES,  
PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF HUMAN  
GENETICS, INVITING THE CONSIDERATION OF CAIRO AS THE SITE  
OF THE NEXT CONGRESS MEETING; SCHEDULED FOR 1980 BUT NOW IN  
PLANN NG STAGE BUT THE INVITATION CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING  
WORKDING QUOTE..BESIDES IT NEEDS NO EMPHASIS TO ADMIT THAT  
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SCIENCE HAS NO ONE HOME; OF COURSE THE TERMS OF THE INT  
COMMITTEE THAT THE GENETICS CONGRESS IN CAIRO SHOULD BE FREELY  
OPEN TO THE PEOPLES OF ALL OF THE WORLD IS WETL APPRECIATED  
AND WILL DEFINITELY BE COMPLIED WITH. CERTAINLY ANY SCIENTIST  
FROM (BEGIN UNDERLINE) ANY PART OF THE WORLD WHO DESIRES

TO ATTEND THE CONGRESS IN CAIRO IS FULLY WELCOMED (END UN-

DERLINE). THE UNDERLINING APPEARS IN THE ORIGINAL LETTER. THE LETTER IS ALSO SIGNED BY PROF DR NEMAT HASEM, AIN SHAMS UNIV., FROM WHOM EMB RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER WITH THE CAVEAT THAT IT RECEIVE NO PUBLICITY. COPIES OF LETTER POUCHED TO NEA/EGY AND OES.

3. DR HASEM, WHO IS A PEDIATRICIAN AND GENETIC RESEARCHER WELL KNOWN TO EMB, TOLD SCIATT THAT SHE VERY MUCH WANTED CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN CAIRO BUT WAS AWARE THAT IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION TO ORGANIZERS WOULD BE FREEDOM OF ATTENDANCE BY ALL QUALIFIED RESEARCHERS AND WANTED TO SATISFY CONGRESS ORGANIZERS ON THIS SCORE. AIN SHAMS UNIV OFFICIALS AT FIRST BALKED AT SENDING LETTER WITH SUCH A GUARANTEE. DR HASHEM THEN SAYS SHE TOOK MATTER ON A PERSONAL BASIS TO MRS JEHAN SADAT, WHO SHE KNOWS. ACCORDING TO HER MRS SADAT TOLD UNIV OFFICIALS THAT LETTER (AND GUARANTEE) WAS ALL RIGHT. ON BEING ASKED IF 1980 MIGHT HAVE SEEMED FAR ENOUGH AWAY TO BE A SAFE BET, DR HASHEM SAID MRS SADAT HAD NOT ASKED THE DATE OF THE CONGRESS. SUBJECT OF CONGRESS, AND ISRAELI ATTENDANCE WAS ALSO DISCUSSED HERE BY DR HASHEM AND DR ALEXANDER HOLLAENDER, US NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WHO MENTIONED SUBJECT TO SCIATT.

4. ACCORDING TO DR HASHEM, MRS SADAT ALSO TOLD HER THAT DURING VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA LAST YEAR SHE MET A PHYSICIAN OF EGYPTIAN JEWISH ORIGIN WHO HAS OR HAD ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP AND WAS WORKING IN YUGOSLAVIA WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT BEING ASKED TO LEAVE EGYPT BY AUTHORITIES WHILE ON A VISIT HERE (HASHEM DID NOT KNOW WHAT PPT HE WAS USING). MRS SADAT WAS SAID  
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TO HAVE INVITED DR TO COME TO EGYPT AGAIN, WHICH HE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE DONE RECENTLY WITHOUT INCIDENT. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO BELGRADE OR TELAVIV MIGHT HAVE ON PURPORTED INCIDENT.

5. COMMENT: AIN SHAMS LETTER, ALTHOUGH IT CERTAINLY DOES NOT COMMIT GOE TO PUT VISAS IN ISRAELI PASSPORTS, IS REPRESENTATIVE OF A FLEXIBILITY ON ACCEPTANCE OF ISRAELIS ON PROFESSIONAL LEVEL THAT ALREADY COMMON IN SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATION CIRCLES. MEETINGS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI SCIENTISTS AT VARIOUS CONFERENCES IN OTHER COUNTRIES OCCUR PERIODICALLY. ALSO THERE IS AT LEAST THE COLOR OF SOME GOVT APPROVAL IN THE LETTER SINCE UNIVERSITIES HERE ARE GOVT INSTITUTIONS.

6. WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT DR HASHEM'S STORY, OF MRS SADAT'S INTERVENTION. WE FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT IT PROBABLY WAS A GESTURE WITH RESPECT TO A RATHER REMOTE EVENT GIVEN ON THE BASIS OF A PERSONAL REQUEST RATHER THAN A STATEMENT OF CONSIDERED POLICY, AND SHOULD NOT BE OVERRATED. NONETHE-

LESS, IT DOES EVIDENCE WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF SOME  
OFFICIAL EGYPTIANS TO MOVE A BIT TOWARDS THE KIND OF NORMAL  
RELATIONS BETWEEN PEOPLES THAT THE ISRAELIS SEEK. HOWEVER  
THE SUBJECT IS CONSIDERED DELICATE BY EGYPTIANS AND ANY  
PUBLICITY WOULD BE HARMFUL.  
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